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SUBJECT: NON-ALIGNED CONFERENCE (NAC), MEXICAN OBSERVER DELEGATION

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1. ALTHOUGH GOM OFFICIALS HAVE PROFESSED TO US THAT MEXICO'S ROLE WITHIN THE NON-ALIGNED GROUP REMAINS AN ESSENTIALLY PASSIVE ONE, FONSEC GARCIA ROBLES' LEADING THE MEXICAN OBSERVER DELEGATION TO THE NAC OBVIOUSLY TELLS A TRUER STORY. ONLY FIVE MONTHS AGO, DURING THE VISIT HERE OF YUGOSLAVIA'S PRESIDENT TITO, ECHEVERRIA DECLARED MEXICO WAS "NON-ALIGNED EVEN AMONG THE NON-ALIGNED". BUT MEXICAN INVOLVEMENT IN THE NON-ALIGNED MOVEMENT (NAM) HAS GROWN COZEIR SINCE THEN, AND AT NEW DELHI LAST MONTH MEXICO'S LOBBYING EFFORTS WERE BARELY DISTINGUISHABLE FROM THOSE OF THE NAM LEADERSHIP.

2. OBVIOUSLY MUCH OF MEXICO'S CURRENT ACTIVISM HAS TO DO WITH UPCOMING ELECTIONS FOR UN SEC GEN, WHERE ECHEVERRIA STILL NURSES HOPES OF REPLACING WALDHEIM, BUT IT ALSO REFLECTS MEXICO'S GROWING SELF-IDENTIFICATION AS A THIRD WORLD LEADER -- A ROLE HARD TO PLAY OUTSIDE THE NAM. RESULT AT COLOMBO NAC, IN ANY CASE, IS LIKELY TO BE LITTLE INCLINATION ON PART OF MEXDEL TO BE IDENTIFIED

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WITH US VIEW ON KEY ISSUES OR COME CLOSER THAN ARM'S

LENGTH TO U.S. DIPLOMATS IN COLOMBO.

3. IN RECENT HIGH LEVEL CONVERSATIONS BETWEEN GOM AND USG ON MULTILATERAL ISSUES, THE GOM EXPRESSED SYMPATHY WITH THE US SIDE OF THE PUERTO RICAN AND KOREAN ISSUES, BUT INDICATED THAT MEXICO, AS ONLY AN OBSERVER TO THE NAC, COULD BE OF LITTLE HELP ON THE PUERTO RICAN ISSUE AND WANTED TO REMAIN "ALOOF" FROM THE KOREAN ISSUE. NO GOM COMMITMENT WAS MADE IN RESPONSE TO DIRECT USG REQUEST FOR "CORRIDOR HELP" AT COLOMBO ON THE PUERTO RICAN ISSUE.

4. BESIDES THE FOREIGN SECRETARY, THE MEXICAN OBSERVER DELEGATION CONSISTS OF DIRECTOR-IN-CHIEF OF INTERNATIONAL ORGANIZATIONS SERGIO GONZALEZ GALVEZ (EQUIVALENT TO ASST SEC FOR IO), SUBSECRETARY OF THE PRESIDENCY, JUAN JOSE BREMER, AMBASSADOR CARLOS GUTIERREZ MACIAS AND AMBASSADOR ERNESTO MADERO. MOST KNOWLEDGEABLE SOURCE WOULD BE GONZALEZ GALVEZ, IF AVAILABLE.
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